

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A voltage conversion device, comprising:

a voltage converter ~~(12)~~ converting a power supply voltage from a power supply into an output voltage such that said output voltage attains a target voltage, through a switching operation between a first switching element ~~(Q1)~~ as an upper arm and a second switching element ~~(Q2)~~ as a lower arm; and

a control device ~~(303)~~ providing switching control to said first and said second switching elements using a duty ratio in a range lower than an upper limit value of the duty ratio ~~when an overvoltage is applied to said power supply ratio,~~

wherein when an overvoltage is applied to the power supply, the upper limit value of the duty ratio is determined.

2. (Currently Amended) The voltage conversion device according to claim 1, wherein said control device ~~(303)~~ includes

duty ratio calculating means ~~(54)~~ calculating said upper limit value of the duty ratio in accordance with said output voltage and a threshold ~~voltage which is~~ voltage, wherein the threshold voltage is a reference value for determining ~~that said whether an~~ overvoltage has been applied to said power supply, and

switching control means ~~(50)~~ providing switching control to said first and said second switching elements ~~(Q1, Q2)~~ using the duty ratio in the range lower than said calculated upper limit value of the duty ratio.

3. (Currently Amended) The voltage conversion device according to claim 2, wherein said output voltage is supplied to an inverter ~~(14)~~ driving a motor ~~(MG1)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The voltage conversion device according to claim 2, wherein said output voltage is supplied to a plurality of inverters ~~(14, 31)~~ provided corresponding to a plurality of motors ~~(MG1, MG2)~~ and connected in parallel with each other.

5. (Currently Amended) The voltage conversion device according to claim 4, wherein said power supply voltage is obtained from a direct current battery ~~(B)~~.